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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

MAI H. HUYEN

Application No.: **10/029,137**

Filed: **12/19/2001**

For: **IDENTIFICATION OF A NOVEL
ENDOTHELIAL-DERIVED GENE EG-1**

Examiner: LIPING CHEN

Art Unit: 1632

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2002 containing a Restriction Requirement. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for two months.

REMARKS

In the November Office Action the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- Group I: Claims 1-7, and 11, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid, a vector, and a cell containing the vector;
- Group II: Claims 8-10, drawn to an EG-1 polypeptide;
- Group III: Claims 12-14, drawn to an antibody that specifically binds to an EG-1 polypeptide;
- Group IV: Claims 15-24, 27-27, and 48, drawn to various screening methods involving detecting a nucleic acid;
- Group V: Claims 15, and 25-28, drawn to various screening methods involving detecting an EG-1 polypeptide;
- Group VI: Claims 29-36, and 39-42, drawn to a method of prescreening for an agent where the prescreening involves detecting an EG-1 nucleic acid;